

REMARKS

This application has been amended in a manner that is believed to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 19, 20, 27-32 and 39-42 are pending in the application. Independent claim 19 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of allowed claim 26 along with any intervening claims. Independent claim 31 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of allowed claim 38 along with any intervening claims. Claims 1-18, 21-26, 33-38 and 43 have been cancelled without prejudice.

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 24, 30 and 36 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite.

Claims 24 and 36 have been cancelled. However, claim 30 remains. Claim 30 has been amended so that the term "conventional additives" is no longer recited. Similar changes have also been made to claim 42. Applicants believe that these changes are non-narrowing in scope and that the changes broaden the claims in addressing this matter and that the "conventional additives" were optional as evidenced by the language "may".

As independent claims 19 and 31 have been amended to incorporate the recitations of allowed claims, applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited publications in the

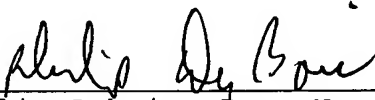
outstanding Official Action, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the claimed invention.

Thus, in view of the above, applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action. Allowance and passage to issue on that basis is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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